



Meeting Time & Place: Tuesday, September 13th, 2011, 8:30 a.m., Big Sky Bistro, Polson.

In Attendance: Theresa Jones from St. Luke Community Healthcare Network; Blakely Phillips and Todd Erickson from Lake County Job Service; Marilyn Becker from Office of Public Assistance; Shelly Fyant from Kicking Horse Job Corps; and Karen Dellwo from First Interstate.

Speaker Topic: Ken McLean from the Montana Apprenticeship & Training Program (A&TP) showed short video on becoming an apprentice sponsor. He then discussed the benefits and qualifications of apprenticeship. There are 45-50 apprenticeable occupations currently represented in Montana while there are over 900 recognized nationally. Ken informed us that the A&TP has been really focusing on educating employers and learning what employers are looking for in good employees. More information on this program can be found on the A&TP website: www.apprenticeship.mt.gov.

Treasurer's Report: Per Jessie via email, our current balance is \$8,520.88. That is including all deposits for ABC Clinic Registrations received and also with bills paid (Advertising in the Valley Journal for the ABC Clinic).

Old Business:

Review/Approve Minutes: Karen motioned to approve the minutes as they were presented, Shelly seconded the motion. The motion passed.

New Business:

ABC Clinic Update: Todd: We currently have 23 registrations for the ABC Clinic. There was a slight change in schedule for the Clinic. We are unable to get into the Health Department meeting room until 8:00 a.m. the morning of the Clinic. We will have time to set up on Wednesday September 14th from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. We plan to set up a registration table and chairs outside on the sidewalk the morning of the clinic. We will have coffee available while people wait. The Job Service staff will contact all of the registered employers to inform them of the changed registration time. We need a volunteer to help with registrations, Theresa volunteered to help. She will arrive at 7:45 a.m.

Meeting Schedule: We clarified that JSEC is to meet on the first Tuesday of the month, with exception to weeks with a Monday Holiday.

JSEC Banner: We discussed purchasing a banner with the JSEC logo and "Job Service Employer Committee" on it. Todd will get some estimates and report back. We would be looking at spending a maximum of \$100.00.

Office Update: Todd passed out our new JSEC Business Cards with contact information for Blakely and himself. We will make more to pass out at the ABC Clinic.

Todd gave a staffing update for the Job Service. Whitney Cantlon is now at Country Pasta. Lynn Lagerquist has been hired as the newest Employment Specialist at Job Service. She starts on October 3rd. Blakely is the new JSEC Co-Coordinator and Secretary.

Todd passed out brochures for the Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWT). This program is available to help employers pay for training of employees who have completed their probationary period. The purpose is to meet training needs and assist local businesses in preserving existing jobs for Montana residents. It assists with costs for training, lodging, and travel costs. It does not cover wages, meals, or per diem.

Debbie Krantz is on vacation until October 3rd.

Todd went over the most recent Unemployment rates by county.

Lake – 10.9%	Flathead – 10.4%
Sanders – 14.8%	Mineral – 10.3%
Missoula – 7.4%	Lincoln – 14.6%

Marilyn mentioned that she recently lost a receptionist and a case manager from Superior. They both moved to North Dakota with their families and have lodging and jobs. We discussed how the whole Eastern side of Montana and Wyoming is really booming with all of the oil jobs. Karen mentioned that Northwest Montana is the most financially depressed area in Montana.

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 4th, 8:30 a.m. at the Big Sky Bistro.